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GAY MARRIAGE ADVOCATES

2 A North Carolina law that allows government officials to refuse to perform same-sex marriages if they cite religious objections is unconstitutional and should be struck down, according to a federal lawsuit filed on Wednesday to challenge the measure. The six plaintiffs, who include gay couples, argue the legislation allows magistrates and other officials who perform marriages to put their personal beliefs before their sworn constitutional duty. REUTERS

CANADA GETS REFUGEES

3 The first planeload of Syrian refugees from camps in Jordan and Lebanon will arrive in Canada on Thursday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Wednesday. Another such aircraft will arrive in Montreal on Saturday, he told legislators. REUTERS

TEACHING CODING

7 Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, visits an Apple store where third-grade children from PS 57 James Weldon Johnson Leadership Academy are learning how to code through Apple's "Hour of Code" workshop program on Wednesday in New York City. Cook said he hoped that teaching coding to children would become standard in education throughout the United States.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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PATIENTS SCAMMED

4 A husband-and-wife team were arrested for what Manhattan prosecutors described as a scheme that took advantage of more than 80 ill patients at Lenox Hill Hospital. Kyle Steed, 30 and his wife Krystle, 30, allegedly used patient information to impersonate multiple emergency room patients, taking over accounts and making fraudulent charges. CHESTER SORIA

POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED

5 U.S. authorities on Wednesday arrested a former police chief on Long Island for beating a man who allegedly stole ammunition and cigars from his police car, the latest accusation against a law enforcement officer for engaging in excessive violence. James Burke, who resigned as chief of the Suffolk County police department in October amid a federal investigation into the 2012 incident, has been charged with committing civil rights violations and then obstructing the probe into his actions. REUTERS

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6 A father-son duo are accused of stealing $41,000 worth of chicken wings. Paul Rojek, 56, and his son Joshua Rojek, 33, were employed as cooks at Syracuse restaurant Twin Trees Too, when they ordered chicken wings from the restaurant's wholesaler. They then picked up the order and sold the wings at a lower price. MATT LEE

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Renewing Struggling Schools

by Michael Mulgrew
President, United Federation of Teachers

Cities and school districts across the country have tried a range of strategies to deal with the problems of poor children and struggling schools. Under former Mayor Bloomberg, New York City relied on a "shutdown" strategy, eventually closing 150 schools, including some that the Bloomberg administration itself had created.

While Bloomberg's cheerleaders lauded his approach, the fact is that many of our schools – both older ones and those started during Bloomberg's tenure – continue to struggle.

In contrast, the de Blasio administration has listened to teachers and members of school communities. We know that it is difficult, but struggling schools can succeed – if provided the proper support and resources, and a team approach that brings all a school's stakeholders together.

The city's new Renewal program, created with input from stakeholders, is designed to focus on some of the neediest schools in the system. Early returns show that many of these schools have stabilized and in some cases are started on the road to improvement.

Students in these schools start out with deficits. Nearly 20 percent are English Language Learners and almost a quarter are classified as special education. Thousands live in shelters or are doubled up with relatives. Many are hungry, lack winter clothes, or have medical needs, including glasses and hearing aids. Many have parents who are unemployed or who work long hours at minimum-wage jobs.

Teachers at these schools see these problems not as excuses, but as issues that need to be addressed to ensure that all kids have an equal opportunity to learn.

Renewal schools are being paired with non-profit agencies to deliver services like health care and counseling to students and their families. What's more, the nearly $400 million the administration is investing in these schools over the next three years includes funds for hiring teachers, academic coaches, social workers and other professionals, along with professional development for the staff on the skills necessary to work with children facing these challenges.

While in 2013-14 nearly one-third failed to meet targets for student achievement, the 2014-2015 School Quality Report shows that now 87 percent of the renewal schools are moving in the right direction, measured by better attendance, more family involvement and other criteria. As a group, they showed gains in both reading and math on state tests.

Many of these schools have a long way to go. Turning them around is difficult, particularly in the face of years of cutbacks and systemic indifference. These schools will require a multi-year strategic intervention built on sound education practice, including custom-tailored supports for each school's particular needs. With its Renewal program, New York City is taking on tough work that no one in the country has attempted before on this scale.

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Tenants push back in Brooklyn

Landlord defends progress in Bed-Stuy building as New York City renews focus on tenant protections.

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Assembly Member Latrice Walker, center, speaks alongside tenants at 204 Sumpter Street. **MILES DIXON**

After 43 years living in her Bed-Stuy apartment, Berneda Jackson said she never expected one of the electric sockets in her bedroom to burst into flames one evening earlier this year.

"I hope and I pray that I don't have another fire when I'm not home," Jackson, 60, said. Her room doesn't have a smoke detector, though her living room does. "Thank God for small favors."

Jackson, along with her granddaughter, lives in one of eight apartment units in a building at the corner of Sumpter Street and Saratoga Avenue.

Many of them expressed their frustration with their landlord of almost 10 years, who they said has done little to keep their homes livable, between faulty wiring, inconsistent heat and flooding basements.

New York City recently ramped up its efforts to help tenants deal with negligent and possibly harassing landlords, with the de Blasio administration committing $12.3 million on efforts to provide free legal services for tenants fighting eviction and the City Council passing a series of laws protecting residents from aggressive buy outs.

Violations of those new laws, designed to keep tenants in their homes and from being displaced, carry a fines between $1,000 to $10,000 for a first offense, to $2,000 to $10,000 for any subsequent offenses.

However, building manager Mark Katz told Metro New York the situation isn't as bleak as some of his tenants said it is.

"There were about 140 to 150 violations on the building over the years," Katz said. "We cut it down to 60 about four months ago, and 40 two months ago."

Public records show violations since 2014 have indeed dropped by at least 36, and the city's Housing Preservation and Development Department website indicates the building now has 26 open violations.

Among those remaining violations are an "unsafe electric wiring condition consisting of [a] defective electric outlet," as well as presumed lead paint peeling in one unit.

No one in Jackson's building said they felt like they were being intentionally pushed out, but rather ignored. Still, many noted the handful of repairs and renovations made starting in August that they described as superficial.

"I've seen a lot of cosmetic movements," said tenant Andrew Garfinkel who recently moved into the only fully renovated apartment in the building. He said the landlord is at the property at least three times a month.

"He was here yesterday," Garfinkel said. "He was making sure everything was ready for [today]."

Public records identify Sam Gross as the owner through Saru Realty LLC, which hired AM Katz Real Estate to manage the building less than six months ago.

Katz said the residents are upset about a handful of possible evictions for overdue rent and hazardous living habits by some tenants. The Buildings Department cited one tenant in 2012 for housing 15 people in a two-bedroom apartment.

"I don't have a problem doing repairs," Katz added. "I'm already dealing with everything and making sure it is a better building than it already is."

Attorneys said there was a pending case between the city's HPD agency and the landlord, and that the tenants' complaints were demonstrative of the need for stricter enforcement of residents' rights.

"The court cases involving this building," said Philippe Knab, an attorney with Legal Aid, "is part of this administration's fight to combat this type of negligent building ownership."

Jackson said she's gotten used to living in the dark.

"I never know when the lights will go out, especially at night," she said. "I go through two lightbulbs a week in the living room, and the light in my bathroom sizzles."

She said her landlord eventually sent someone to look at the socket where the fire started two months after the fact, although she still refuses to use it whenever possible. But she's not moving.

"I'm not going nowhere," she said.

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Protesters at the rally TRACY LEE

War of words erupts between Donald Trump, local leaders

Local lawmakers and leaders rallied against the GOP front-runner at City Hall on Wednesday.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump fired back against a rally of local leaders Manhattan on Wednesday morning, accusing them of ignoring "filthy conditions" in New York City.

The steps in front of City Hall were crowded with local advocates, religious leaders and New York City lawmakers gathered to denounce the real estate mogul's recent proposals to temporarily ban travel by Muslims into the United States.

Organized by City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, she declared "enough is enough" and called him a "disgusting, racist demagogue who has no business running for president."

In response, a spokeswoman for Trump released a statement from the candidate addressing Mark-Viverito.

"Perhaps she should focus on taking care of the filthy conditions of New York City, the ever-expanding homeless population and lowering taxes, along with Mayor de Blasio, widely considered the worst Mayor in the United States," the campaign said.

> *"New York City is all about standing against hate and we won't allow Donald Trump and his supporters to divide us."*
> Sarsour

Mayor Bill de Blasio was not at the event, although the mayor earlier denounced Trump's comments on the Muslim community, asking, "how could the front-runner for a major party nomination literally be suggesting a religious test on who gets to come into the country? That is a dangerous, dangerous statement."

"New York City is all about standing against hate and we won't allow Donald Trump and his supporters to divide us," said Linda Sarsour, executive director of the Arab-American Association, based in Brooklyn.

What Sarsour said scared her more than Trump's words were his supporters who echoed his sentiments, she said, adding that it was hard to explain those types of cheers to her kids.

At least one person in the crowd did, however, jeer the anti-Trump crowd.

Mark-Viverito's speech was interrupted by a Trump supporter, reportedly identified as Rose Rosenberg.

Rosenberg was shouted down with boos and chants before she started her own "Trump is love" chant. She was peacefully escorted out of City Hall.

Jamie Gonzalez, 48, came down from Sunnyside, Queens, and donned a sombrero.

Originally hailing from Mexico, Gonzalez said he was still upset over comments Trump made when he launched his campaign and accused Mexico of only sending criminals across the border.

"By Trump calling me a drug dealer, a rapist, that's an insult to me," Gonzalez said. "I want him to stop."

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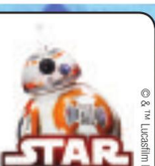

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Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

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A New York state board upheld the Cuomo administration's efforts to raise the minimum wage for some fast-food workers to $15 an hour over the next three years.

The New York Industrial Board of Appeals decided on Wednesday that the state's plan to hike pay for about 200,000 fast-food employees to $10.50 an hour in New York City will still go into effect on Dec. 31.

The pay raise affects chain restaurants with at least 30 locations nationwide.

Contested by the National Restaurant Association, the group argued the governor's order was unconstitutional.

But the board unanimously decided the argument was "without merit."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo praised the decision as one that makes a fundamental difference for low-income workers and families.

"No one who works hard should ever be condemned to a life of poverty," Cuomo said in a statement, "and that's why we are continuing the fight today. We will not stop until we ensure a new standard of economic justice for all workers — and when New York acts, the rest of the nation follows."

The National Restaurant Association vowed to continue its work against the reform, accusing the governor of using a "self-appointed wage board" to enact a mandate.

"The board's decision today says loud and clear New York is not open for business," the association said in a statement. "We are committed to helping the restaurant community continue to grow and create jobs across the state and plan to take legal action against this arbitrary mandate which is contrary to law."

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Muslim proposal prompts calls to ban Trump from UK, Israel

Israeli politicians and more than 250,000 Britons urged their governments on Wednesday to bar Donald Trump from their countries after the Republican presidential front-runner said Muslims should be denied entry into the United States.

The calls were part of a growing global backlash against Trump's proposal that cut across nationalities and religions, and began to hit the real estate mogul's brand in the Middle East.

Although Israeli politicians demanded Trump be blocked from a planned visit, a Dec. 28 meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was still on. In addition to the online petition calling for a ban on Trump from the United Kingdom, a Scottish university revoked his honorary degree.

A major chain of Middle East department stores halted sales of the real estate mogul's glitzy "Trump Home" line of lamps, mirrors and jewellery boxes.

Even China weighed in with indirect criticism of Trump's comments, which have been condemned by the White House, U.S. congressional leaders, the United Nations, the prime ministers of France and Britain, a wide array of human and civil rights groups and many of Trump's Republican rivals and potential Democratic opponents in the November 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Trump, who leads opinion polls in the Republican nominating race, on Monday called for blocking Muslims, including would-be immigrants, students and tourists, from entering the country. REUTERS

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BRIEF

California shooters discussed martyrdom before meeting: FBI

A couple who massacred 14 people at a California holiday party were discussing martyrdom online a year before they met in person and married, FBI Director James Comey said on Wednesday.

Investigators were tracing the radicalization of Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, and Tashfeen Malik, 29, who married in 2014, and evidence mounted that both were interested in Islamist-inspired violence before they became acquainted.

"They were actually radicalised before they started ... dating each other online, and as early as the end of 2013 they were talking to each other about jihad and martyrdom before they became engaged," Comey said at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A U.S. government source said Farook may have been plotting an attack as early as 2011. This diminishes the likelihood of early theories after the Dec. 2 shootings in California that Malik had radicalised her husband. Twenty-one people were also wounded in the attack.

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German chancellor Merkel named Time's 'Person of the Year'

Merkel spokesman Steffen Seibert told a government news conference: "I am sure the chancellor will cherish this as an incentive in her job."

Merkel GETTY IMAGES

Time magazine named German Chancellor Angela Merkel its 2015 "Person of the Year" on Wednesday, noting her resilience and leadership when faced with the refugee crisis and turmoil in the European Union over its currency this year.

In a statement explaining the magazine's choice, managing editor Nancy Gibbs said despite crises in the region that caused "reason to wonder whether Europe could continue to exist," Merkel emerged as an "indispensable player."

Merkel celebrated her 10-year anniversary as chancellor last month, making her the European Union's longest-serving leader.

For years she was seen as a cautious, risk-averse leader who paid close attention to public opinion in formulating policy. But her leadership in the Ukraine crisis last year, her clinching of a deal this summer to keep Greece in the euro zone and her stance in the refugee crisis have changed that view.

In late August, when tens of thousands of migrants fleeing war in the Middle East streamed into Hungary, threatening a humanitarian crisis, Merkel agreed to suspend the European Union's asylum rules and allow them to continue into Germany. She declared to skeptical countrymen: "Wir schaffen das," which translates as, "We can do this."

Her "open-door" stance has led to a fall in support for her conservatives and in her own popularity ratings, which have slid to 54 percent from 75 percent over eight months.

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Gibbs

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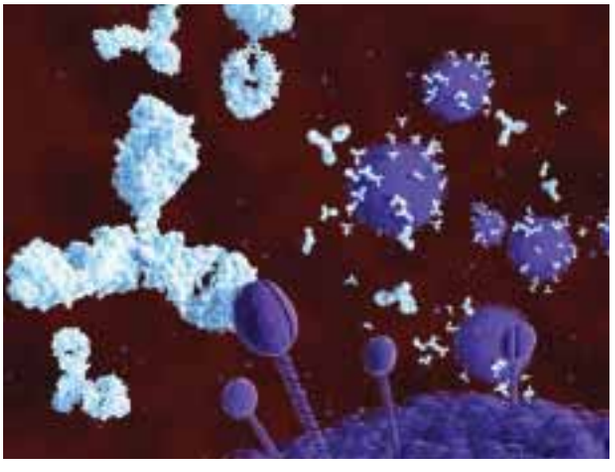

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Judge expands driver class-action lawsuit against UBER
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Drivers sued Uber in San Francisco federal court, contending they are employees and entitled to reimbursement for expenses, including gas and vehicle maintenance. Currently, drivers pay those costs.

The results of Uber's legal battle could reshape the on-demand economy, which is built around Internet companies that serve as marketplaces matching people who provide a service with others looking to pay for it.

Earlier this year, U.S. District Judge Edward Chen said Uber drivers must have opted out of arbitration to be a member of the class. REUTERS

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Ireland unveils minimum alcohol price plan to reduce consumption

The Irish government, aiming to change the country's "damaging attitude to alcohol," approved Wednesday plans for minimum prices for drinks in the hope of reducing one of Europe's highest levels of alcohol consumption.

A bill to be submitted to parliament later this month would set a minimum of 10 euro cents per gram of alcohol, ban cut-price marketing, restrict "happy hours" and prohibit alcohol advertising near schools, playgrounds and public transport, a health ministry statement said.

Alcohol ads could only be broadcast on TV after 9 p.m., it said, and would be banned from sports grounds during events where most participants are children.

"Ireland needs to change its damaging attitude to alcohol," Health Minister Leo Varadkar said in the statement.

Irish whiskey GETTY IMAGES

"Four out of 10 drinkers typically engage in binge drinking."

The bill, which Varadkar said was the first in Ireland to address alcohol as a public health issue, aims to reduce average annual alcohol consumption in Ireland from 11 liters a person to 9.1 liters a person by 2020.

The statement noted that Advocate General Yves Bot of the European Court of Justice had said in September a similar plan in Scotland might breach European law, but the health ministry it was working with the EU official on drawing up the Irish law.

The Scotch Whisky Association and two European federations for spirits and wines have challenged the Scottish legislation, saying it restricted the trade of drinks between Scotland and EU member states and could distort competition.

Ireland's largest business lobby group, IBEC, on Wednesday said the legislation failed to tackle alcohol abuse and instead penalizes responsible consumers, and could threaten jobs. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Supreme Court divided over affirmative action in college admissions
The Supreme Court appeared closely divided over affirmative action in college admissions on Wednesday as conservative justices expressed doubt about a policy at the University of Texas at Austin that used race as a factor in choosing applicants.

It was unclear how the court will rule on the contentious issue after a testy 90-minute oral argument. Conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy, who often casts the deciding vote in close cases, raised the possibility of the case being sent back to a lower court for more evidence to be admitted.

Some of the court's conservatives voiced skepticism about the success of affirmative action and its long-term value.

The court is weighing for the second time a challenge to the system used by the University of Texas at Austin, the state's flagship public university, brought by a white applicant, Abigail Fisher, who was denied entry to the entering class of 2008.

The court, whose ruling is expected by the end of June, appeared split ideologically, with liberals voicing support for affirmative action programs and conservatives questioning why the Texas program was needed to promote campus diversity.

Conservative Justice Antonin Scalia questioned whether some blacks and Hispanics are actually hurt by the program because they are not strong enough candidates to be admitted purely on academic criteria. Scalia suggested they might be better off attending less academically rigorous schools. REUTERS

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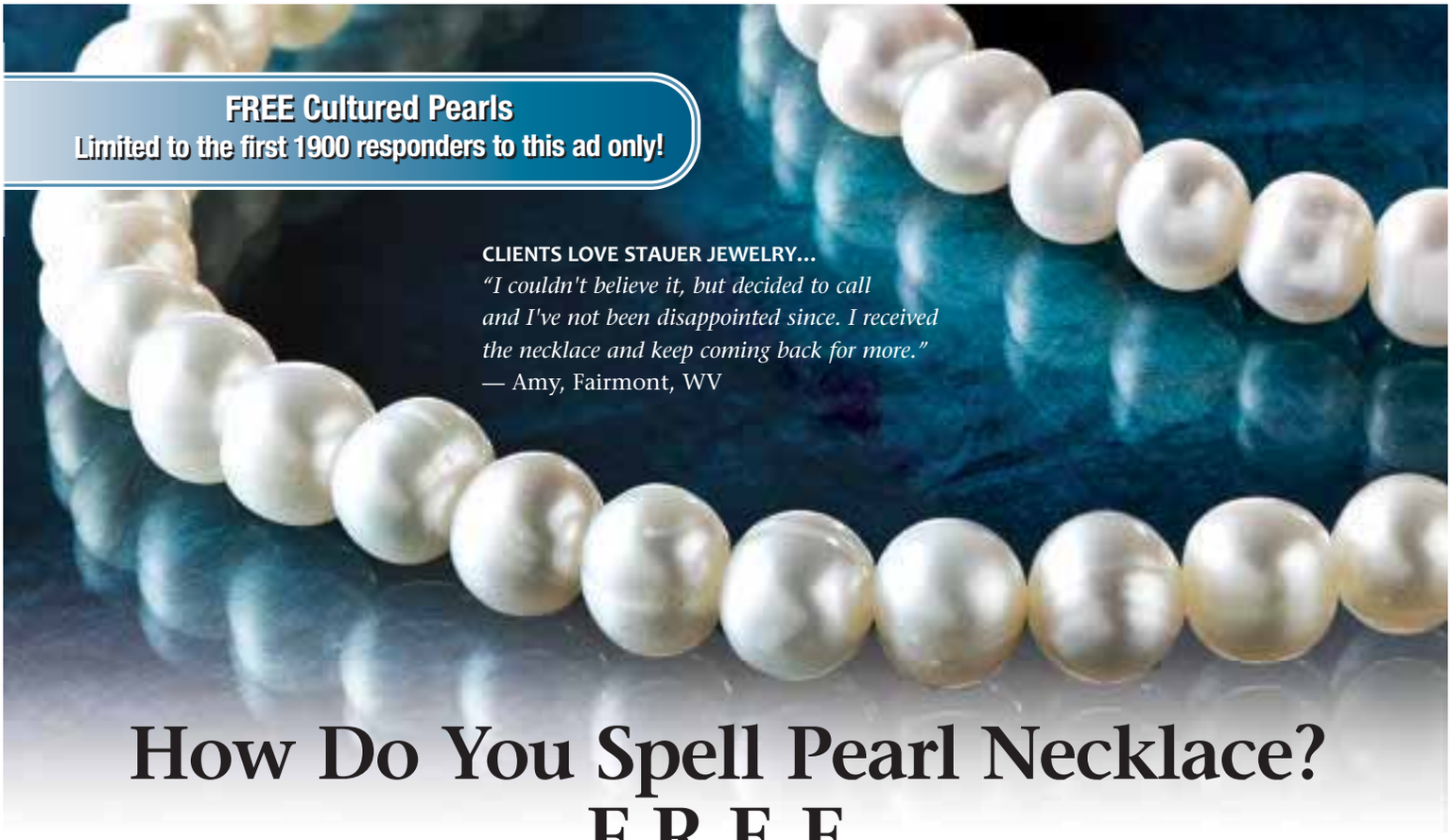

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Stauer. A Different Tale to Tell.

Sam Rockwell takes comedy seriously

The actor talks about playing the goofy "Don Verdean" as a tragedy, and learning to lasso.

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Sam Rockwell has spent his career all over the map, doing serious fare ("Frost/Nixon"), comedies ("Galaxy Quest") and mixes of both ("Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," "Moon"). Right now, he's promoting his new film, the religious satire "Don Verdean," while doing the final performances of Sam Shepard's "Fool for Love" in New York. He's used to shifting gears. In "Don Verdean," the latest from "Napoleon Dynamite" director Jared Hess, Rockwell plays a biblical archaeologist, but not a good one: Having fallen on hard times, he now fakes finds, like Goliath's head and the Holy Grail.

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This is a comedy, but you don't exactly play Don as a broadly funny character. You play him as self-hating and sad.

I really thought that was important. We had the funny hair and the glasses and the outfit. He's a funny character. At the same time, I don't think it would sustain a whole movie if we just did funny bits. Jared and I were on the same page about that. I said, "This is a funny movie, but you've written a real tragic character here." I maintain it's almost like a comedic version of "The Apostle." He's an amalgam of a lot of archetypes, like [Inspector] Clouseau or Steve Martin in "The Jerk." But he also has that thing that [Robert] Duvall's character in "The Apostle" has: There's a redemption thing. He f—s up then he tries to make up for it. He sells his soul a little bit. We needed to keep that real, otherwise I think we'd lose the audience.

Jemaine Clement and Amy Ryan help a biblical archaeologist (Sam Rockwell) scam churches in "Don Verdean," in theaters Friday. LIONSGATE

You often play fast-talking characters, but Don is often the straight man amongst crazy characters.

I was very happy to be the straight man. I'm often the guy showing off in the background, like in "Galaxy Quest." "Iron Man 2," that was a flashy, comedic part. I'm happy to be the straight guy. I like playing that character; you have a moral foundation.

You had to research biblical archaeologists.

One perk of being an actor is getting to learn about subjects you know little or nothing about.

It's amazing. I've been lassoing for a year. I've been hanging out with cowboys for this play ["Fool for Love"]. I've become obsessed with lassoing. I've got 14 lassos. I've broken a million lights in my apartment. I've broken a couple picture frames. I'm lassoing in the park, lassoing trashcans. You learn how to do some cool s—t, you know?

His director

This is your second film with Jared Hess, after "Gentlemen Broncos." What is it about him that keeps you coming back?

Jared is one of the most amazing people I've ever met. Him and Jerusha, his wife [and the film's co-writer], they're of this new generation of Mormons. They're modern Mormons. They're artsy and hip. And yet he doesn't swear. He makes an art form of not swearing — "dang" that and "fudge" that. He speaks softly, and he carries a big stick. He knows what he wants, but he's really nice about how he gets it from you. He's not going to settle. He's kind of a gentle badass.

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Considering Lynn Bixenspan got her start in comedy by telling the awkward story of how she lost her virginity to a disturbed socialist, you can count on things getting pretty personal at her December NYC shows. And she has some doozies to tell. Get the low-down on her upcoming shows below and pick the one that's perfect for you.

Relations—t!

Dec. 11, 9:30 p.m.
Q.E.D.
27-16 23rd Ave., Astoria
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Stand Up and Sing!

Dec. 14, 9 p.m.
Union Hall
702 Union St., Brooklyn
$8 in advance/$10 at the door
Unionhallny.com
Go if: Your idea of the perfect night out is getting tipsy and singing some Boyz II Men with your friends.

The concept behind Stand Up and Sing! is simple yet genius: It's karaoke plus comedy.

"There will be four comics who will each do standup and then perform a karaoke song at the end of their set," Bixenspan explains, adding that the whole room can get in on the fun thanks to a giant projector showcasing the song lyrics. "I've been singing since I was a little kid, way before I was doing comedy, so I think anything that blends the two is really fun."

My First Time

Dec. 16, 9 p.m.
Q.E.D.
27-16 23rd Ave., Astoria
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Go if: You'd love to dig out your childhood diary and give it a read.

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Grace Coddington is as much of an icon herself as the numerous bold-named fashion designers she's befriended during her 30-plus years working at Vogue. As the style bible's creative director, Coddington has a front row seat to every major fashion event and show. But putting Vogue's pages together isn't all glamour. There have been plenty of catastrophes along the way, and Coddington has had to think of inventive ways to keep things on track.

The editor takes fashion lovers behind the scenes with her book, "Grace: Thirty Years of Fashion at Vogue," and is taking the book on the road. Coddington is doing a special reading Saturday in Bridgehampton at Kinnaman & Ramaekers (2466 Main St.) Dress your best and take advantage of this opportunity to meet Anna Wintour's right-hand woman.

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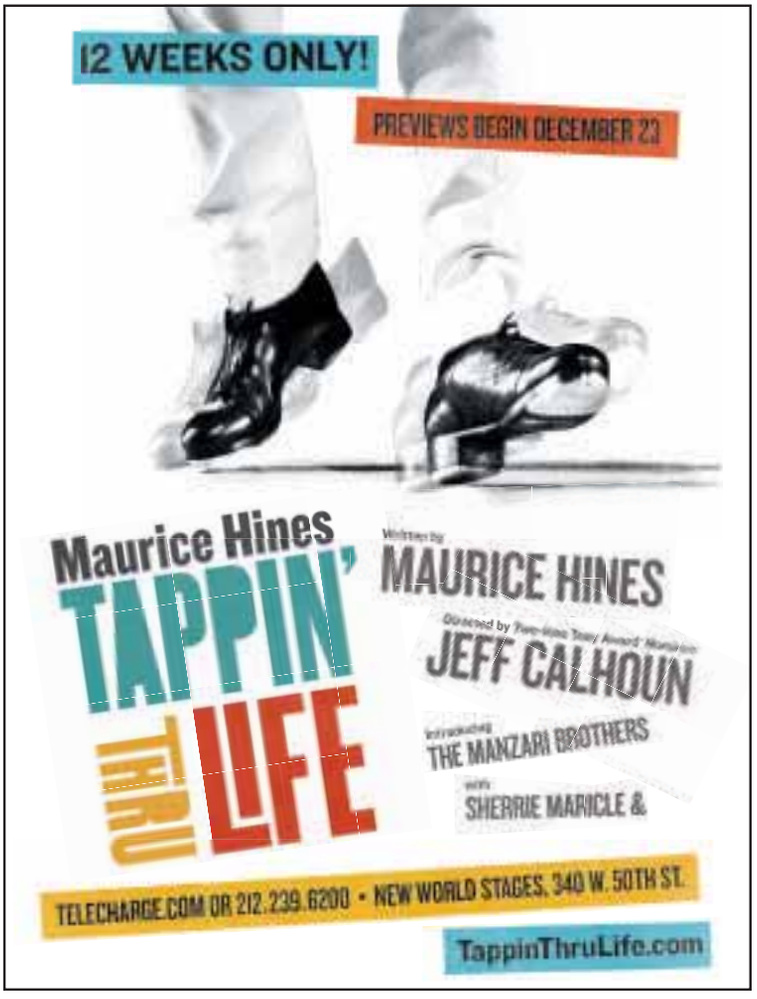

On tour with Bronze Radio Return

The indie rockers give us a behind-the-scenes look at what life's really like on the road.

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Foot-stomping indie rock band Bronze Radio Return is touring the country promoting their album, "Light Me Up," and any cross-country road trip is bound to get interesting when six grown men are involved. The Connecticut band has played massive festivals, including Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza and SXSW, but there's nothing like playing your own tour. The guys share some exclusive pics with us.

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"Here is a picture of playing one of the first shows of this last tour in Chicago. It was a fun night and a great way to kick off the fall/winter run of shows. It was one of the first nights we got to hang our new backdrop and debut what we now call 'Matt's Keyboard Yard.'" ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

"Sometimes it's funny to see pictures of ourselves midperformance. I feel like I'm always making crazy faces, faces I would not normally make outside of singing songs on a stage. Our friend Will Byington, the photographer who took this picture, always does a nice job of grabbing in-the-moment [stage face] shots."

"We all travel with loads of knickknacks in our backpacks and suitcases. It's always good to inventory the goods to make sure it's all there. ... It's not uncommon for us to leave stuff behind at venues or hotels. In this pic, we see Packy [Patrick Fetkowitz] meticulously laying out his road gear to inspect the contents of his backpack. This time it's all there ... this time."

"A couple years ago in Austin, Texas, we met some fine folks from Lagunitas at a SXSW event. They invited us to come see the brewery the next time we were in San Francisco, and we happily took them up on that offer. They loaded our trailer up with all sorts of cases of beers and sent us on our way. Good people, good beer, good times."

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These halls are decked

Christmas month (some people call it December) is here, and these restaurants and bars are feeling the spirit of the season. EVA KIS

Miracle on Ninth Street

Mace, 649 E. Ninth St., East Village

The bar's transformation into a winter wonderland was such a hit last year that it's become a tradition. Until Dec. 24, Miracle on Ninth will be your every tacky Christmas fantasy come true, with multicolor Christmas lights, candles, tinsel and ribbons covering every surface, and nothing but holiday tunes on the radio. Behind the bar, Nico de Soto swaps the usual menu for 12 holiday-themed boozy delights with names like Jingle Balls Nog and Muletide.

Rolf's

281 Third Ave., Gramercy

Nobody goes harder on festive cheer than this French-German restaurant, which feels like stepping inside of a Christmas tree. The ceiling is barely visible through the garlands woven through with ribbons made of giant ornaments and enough icicle lights that you'll forget how weird it is that it's not yet freezing outside. The menu's old world comfort fare, like schnitzel and Burgundy-style beef stew, is perfect for a winter's night. Call ahead for a reservation!

The Standard Plaza

848 Washington St., Meatpacking District

The Standard, High Line hotel's ever-changing plaza, has taken on a cozy Swiss chalet feel for the holiday season, with an expanded ice rink (sessions are $17 with skate rental) and a Skate Shack selling all of the woolly essentials to complete the apres ski vibe. After a few rounds on the ice, relax in the redesigned lounge's red rocking chairs snuggled under blankets of plaid and faux fur, sipping a Chamomile Hot Toddy and snacking on Valhrona chocolate brownies.

Carmine's

200 W. 44th St., Theater District

The holidays are all about family, and there's nothing that brings people together like shared plates of hearty pasta in red sauce and some good wine. If the NYC institution is the closest you'll get to your grandmother's kitchen this winter, chow down on the homestyle food (don't leave without trying the sinfully good chocolate bread pudding!) amid walls strung with lighted garlands, snow-flecked wreaths and chandeliers wrapped in red ribbons.

Lillie's

13 E. 17th St., Union Square

As soon as Thanksgiving is over, this Victorian bar doubles down on its English charm with a train set in the window winding through a Christmas village complete with nutcrackers and gingerbread houses. Inside hang stockings, and a giant wreath in pride of place behind the bar — decorated with copper Moscow Mule mugs! — and glittering ornaments everywhere. Make this your post-Union Square Holiday Market brunch stop ($17, including one drink).

Bouchon Bakery & Cafe

10 Columbus Circle, third floor

The Time Warner Center's seasonal constellation of glowing blue stars and trees wrapped in twinkle lights always adds an extra sparkle to the holidays. There's no better spot to enjoy them than the third floor bakery overlooking the atrium and seasonal treats like peppermint bark and coffee-hazelnut buche de Noel, or stop by for a slow-braised pork shank with osso bucco for dinner. When the snow finally arrives to add its seasonal magic to Central Park, this will be the best place to enjoy it.

Miracle on Ninth Street GABI PORTER

Here comes Santacon

This year, expect a more organized — and orderly — SantaCon. MILES DIXON

It won't be the rager of years past.

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Whether it's an annual tradition or a rite of passage for you, SantaCon is almost here again.

This Saturday at 10 a.m., the festive mob will begin its journey at McCarren Park. From Greenpoint, the daylong march of Santas, elves and (more than) a few reindeer will party in Williamsburg, then cross the river to the event's home turf, the East Village.

Besides having a full costume (just a hat is just not enough), here are a couple of things to keep in mind.

Make the night last

This is not the drunken siege of a neighborhood that SantaCon has been in years past. The event has once again partnered with bars that know what they're signing up for, and the Department of Parks & Rec said its staff and the NYPD are involved as well. Expect police presence at each location to keep things orderly (including jaywalking).

The warmer weather this year is great for the elves who would normally risk frostbite for their costume choices, but it means the party could keep going well past last call, so pace your jolly self. SantaCon organizers are getting back to its "participatory art" roots rather than staging a straight-up pub crawl; taking joy — not shots — is the point.

Share the joy

Every merry North Poler is asked to donate $10 to support charities dealing with hunger relief, sheltering LGBTQ youth and providing fitness equipment to schools. In return, you'll get an early heads up on where the roving party is headed and priority access to a new party this year, Rudolph's Red Rager. (Speaking of money, SantaCon bars only accept cash; stuff your stockings before you set out.)

Santa is not just the theme

By putting on the Santa suit, you're treated, and expected to treat, everyone in the spirit of Father Christmas — that means living up to the big man's responsible reputation, from being cool to kids to not blocking streets to knowing your Christmas cheer tolerance. Don't get on the naughty list — the big man's or the NYPD's.

Listings

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Winter Ball

Dec. 12, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
The Academy Mansion, 2 E. 63rd St.
$200, Dreamlandorchestra.com
Mixing modern holiday magic with "Gatsby"-era flair, jazz maestro Michael Arenella returns to the Academy Mansion for the seventh annual Winter Ball. Don your best cocktail dresses or flapper fashion for a festive all-night affair with a premium open bar and live holiday music, plus a special visit from Santa. Your ticket also includes general admission to the Jazz Age Tea Dance the following day at Webster Hall.

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Holiday Cupcakes and Vino

Dec. 12, noon-2 p.m.
Camaje, 85 MacDougal St.
$65, Camaje.com
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Unsilent Night

Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Washington Square Park Arch
Free, Unsilentnight.com
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Santa Suit 5K

Dec. 13, 11 a.m.
Prospect Park
Free, Rockapulcorun.com
The other gathering of Santas this weekend will be for a holiday-themed run to benefit the Prospect Park Youth Track Club. The Rockapulco Run Santa Suit 5K takes place this Sunday in Prospect Park, ending with drinks and merriment at Farrell's Pub. And don't worry about finding a costume — your registration comes with a suit. If you can't make it this time, there will be another Santa Suit 5K on Dec. 19 at Rockaway Park.

Merry Tuba Christmas

Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m.
Rockefeller Center
Free, Rockefellercenter.com
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Beyond the French Quarter

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There's so much more to New Orleans than its historic (and touristy) French Quarter. Explore these nearby neighborhoods to find great art, architecture and music — without the crowds.

Most visitors to the Big Easy make a beeline for Bourbon Street. This vibrant thoroughfare in the heart of the French Quarter is famous for its live jazz bars and boisterous nightlife. But locals head for Frenchmen Street, a short walk away. Every night of the week, you'll hear anything from gypsy jazz, to brass bands, to reggae, to blues in its laid-back live music clubs and outside on the street. Frenchmen Street is in Faubourg Marigny, the city's first suburb, founded in 1805 when Bernard de Marigny subdivided his family's plantation. Today it's a hip neighborhood of quaint Creole cottages and long, narrow shotgun-style houses, most of them painted in bright Caribbean colors. A feast for the eyes and the camera, Marigny is a great place for a stroll or a bike ride.

Tremé, one of the oldest African-American neighborhoods in the country, is also a short walk from the French Quarter. Among its historical highlights are St. Augustine Church, the Backstreet Cultural Museum and Louis Armstrong Park. Free Jazz in the Park concerts take place here during spring and fall. Set in the park's southern corner, Congo Square was the site of 19th-century drumming and dance gatherings that gave rise to jazz.

Head upriver to the Garden District to see elegant antebellum mansions built by the first Americans who settled in New Orleans in the 1800s. Stroll along leafy streets to admire these amazing homes, adorned with Greek Revival pillars, elaborate ironwork and other decorative features. Don't miss Lafayette Cemetery on Washington Avenue, with its elaborate family tombs.

Magazine Street marks the district's southern border. A destination in its own right, this 6-mile stretch is bustling with boutiques, art galleries, antique shops, trendy restaurants and neighborhood bars and cafes.

A quick cab ride brings you to Central City, where the old Dryades Street Market has been transformed into the delightful Southern Food & Beverage Museum. Next door, the New Orleans Jazz Market, a new performance space specially built for jazz, is the place to catch Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra — the hottest ticket in town.

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Getting around

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- The old-fashioned **St. Charles Avenue streetcar** runs from Canal Street through the Garden District. Get off at Washington Avenue and walk five blocks through the neighborhood to Magazine Street.
- The **New Orleans African American Museum** offers Tremé walking tours that give an insight into the area's rich history.

Christmastime in historic Annapolis

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It's all about tradition as the city celebrates the season with lantern-lit tours, classic concerts and ballets, and a holiday parade — of boats.

Maryland's waterfront capital city has never lost its Colonial charm and historic atmosphere. During the holidays, that means the buildings along the cobblestone streets are festooned with greens and period decorations, with not an inflatable snowman in sight.

You can get into the mood with a lantern-light stroll every evening. Traditions, history, legends and lore are brought alive by costumed guides. The 90-minute walk through the historic area around the city dock, State House and Church Circle ends with a guided tour of the Hammond-Harwood House, one of the Colonial mansions that's seen over 200 Christmases. Local garden clubs decorate the interior of the mansion in a holiday theme.

Cruise with Santa aboard the Jolly Express. The evening ride, in an enclosed small workboat with Santa at the helm, chugs up quiet Spa Creek. The boat is Santa's water "sleigh" and is decorated "reindeer-style," complete with a red nose at the bow (**Annapolistours.com** for both tours).

Many cities have Christmas parades, but considering that Annapolis is on the Chesapeake Bay, it's no wonder that its parade floats. On Dec. 12, come for the annual Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade. Starting at 6 p.m., dozens of decorated and lit boats sail along the shore. In the darkness, all you'll see are the displays as they float past.

If you want more lights, head for Sandy Point State Park at the foot of the Bay Bridge, and the Lights on the Bay. Nearly 60 displays glow along the beach and reflect off the water. Along with the usual snowmen and reindeer, there are some local favorites, like animated midshipmen tossing their hats in the air (a graduation tradition at the Naval Academy). Holiday music is part of the celebrations, of course. The Ballet Theatre of Maryland (**Balletmaryland.org**) stages "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 19 and 20. Historic St. Anne's Church, the first church in Annapolis, is a fitting venue for Handel's "Messiah." On Dec. 18, 19 and 20, the Annapolis Chorale Chamber Chorus, Annapolis Chamber Orchestra (**Liveartsmaryland.org**) and soloists perform the oratorio in the candlelit church.

The holiday season ends with a bang — literally. The family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration has two fireworks displays planned on Dec. 31. Keeping kids in mind, the early show is at 7:30 p.m., with another display at midnight. The party begins midafternoon at the City Dock with lots of kids activities. There are street performers, dancing, music and food vendors. Shops and restaurants plan special events and menus.

For more information about the holiday schedule and suggestions for accommodations and logistics, check out **Visitannapolis.org.**

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Marshall on track for best WR season in franchise history

Brandon Marshall has proven to be a steal for Jets GM Mike Maccagnan.

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Much like quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jets wide receiver Brandon Marshall is on his way to one of the best individual seasons in franchise history, capable of setting a new benchmark for several franchise marks.

And as a reminder, this is just his first year with the team in what is his 10th season in the league.

Where he is going is impressive. Marshall is projected to finish the year with 111 catches, 1,416 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns. These are numbers that should land him in the Pro Bowl.

They are also numbers that would rewrite the Jets record books. Al Toon with 93 receptions in 1985, currently leads the franchise with most catches in a single season — meaning that Marshall will be the first Jets wide receiver to get triple-digit receptions in a year. If projections hold, he would be second behind Don Maynard's 1,434 yards in 1967 and his projected 13 touchdowns would be just behind Maynard and Art Powell, who each had 14 receiving touchdown seasons of their own with the Jets.

It could go down as one of the best — if not the best — single seasons of any Jets receiver in history.

It has taken Marshall 12 games to find himself pretty high up in the single-season tally for Jets wide receivers. In his first dozen games for the green and white, Marshall has 83 receptions for 1,062 yards and 10 touchdowns.

And with four games left in the regular season, his reception total is already ninth best for any Jets wide receiver in a single season. Receiving yards brings him in at No. 20 all time. Then those 10 touchdowns are tied for third best all time. That he hasn't completed a season yet but already ranks among the Jets all-time greats at the position is a testament to both his play but also Fitzpatrick's efficient quarterback play and a perfect fit in offensive coordinator Chan Gailey's offense.

Truthfully, it is hard to imagine Marshall putting up these numbers if Geno Smith was the quarterback, but that is a story for another day.

Marshall's numbers point toward what a steal general manager Mike Maccagnan got this offseason in trading with the Chicago Bears to obtain one of the league's best wide receivers. The Jets gave up just a fifth-round pick to haul in Marshall, a deal that might go down as one of the best in franchise history. Oh, and they also got a seventh-round pick from the Bears in the swap.

Marshall isn't cheap — the 31-year-old is owed $16.5 million over the next two years — but he's well worth it considering his production. Last year, the Jets' leading receiver was Eric Decker, who had 74 catches for 962 yards and five touchdowns.

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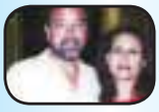

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Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word. Write your answers into the blank grid. The first letter from each word, reading down, will spell the mystery word.

1	H	E	T	P	D
2	I	O	R	G	R
3	D	A	T	A	P
4	T	I	F	N	A
5	M	T	E	O	P

1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

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QUIZ QUEST

Hand	School	Rings
Jaws	BRITNEY SPEARS (photo clue)	Savage
Dogs	Hook	Duel
West	RABBIT (photo clue)	Prince
Port	Bono	Starboard

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All the answers to the clues are in the boxes, either as a word or picture. Solve all the clues and cross off the boxes. One word will be left over. This is the mystery answer.

Clues:

- Early Spielberg film starring Dennis Weaver
- "Mythbusters" presenter, Adam ....
- David Bowie album, "Diamond ..."
- Banana cluster
- Boat's ride-hand side
- Mandibles
- Magician's hat animal
- Mark Twain novel, "The .... and the Pauper"
- Boxing punch
- Vince Vaughn comedy, "Old ..."
- Artist with the 2007 release "Blackout"
- Fortified wine
- Free (legal services), pro ...
- Tree's growth bands

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Across

1 Weight rebate
5 Excessive
10 Butterfly stage
14 Poet's black
15 Advances
16 Whaler of fiction
17 New Year's Eve word
18 Pantyhose brand
19 Churn up
20 Braced oneself
22 Terrestrial
24 Turkish potentate
25 Zippy's word
26 Chair feature
30 They pay monthly
34 Female kangaroos
35 Put up alfalfa
37 Olden times
38 "Ben- —"
39 Tease
40 Gullet
41 Eye amorously
43 Remains undecided
45 Runner's concern
46 Flimsier
48 Earned, as assets
50 Band booking
51 Playfully shy
52 Educational institution
56 Kabob sticks
60 Drama prize
61 Drive onward
63 Ersatz butter
64 Crooked
65 Brother's daughter
66 Great Lakes state
67 Toodle-oos
68 Park feature
69 By — of hard work

Down

1 Afternoon receptions
2 Border on
3 Cattle-call reward
4 Wins over
5 Free Fido
6 Exigency
7 Mr. Hammarskjold
8 Natural impulse
9 Tried
10 Not completely
11 Oops! (hyph.)
12 Water carrier
13 Like a pro
21 Size above med.
23 Howard or Perlman
26 Committee type (2 wds.)
27 Scratchy
28 — Haggard
29 Buyer
30 Lingerie buy
31 Tent dweller
32 Vestige
33 Repaired a seam
36 Feminine principle
42 Aerie hatchlings
43 Identifying
44 Grain cutters
45 Building material
47 Fruit pastry
49 Help-wanted abbr.
52 Lee J. —
53 Not defy
54 Bus route
55 Sheik colleague
56 Dry wines
57 Post-kindergarten
58 Jockey's brake
59 Carbon deposit
62 Round veggie

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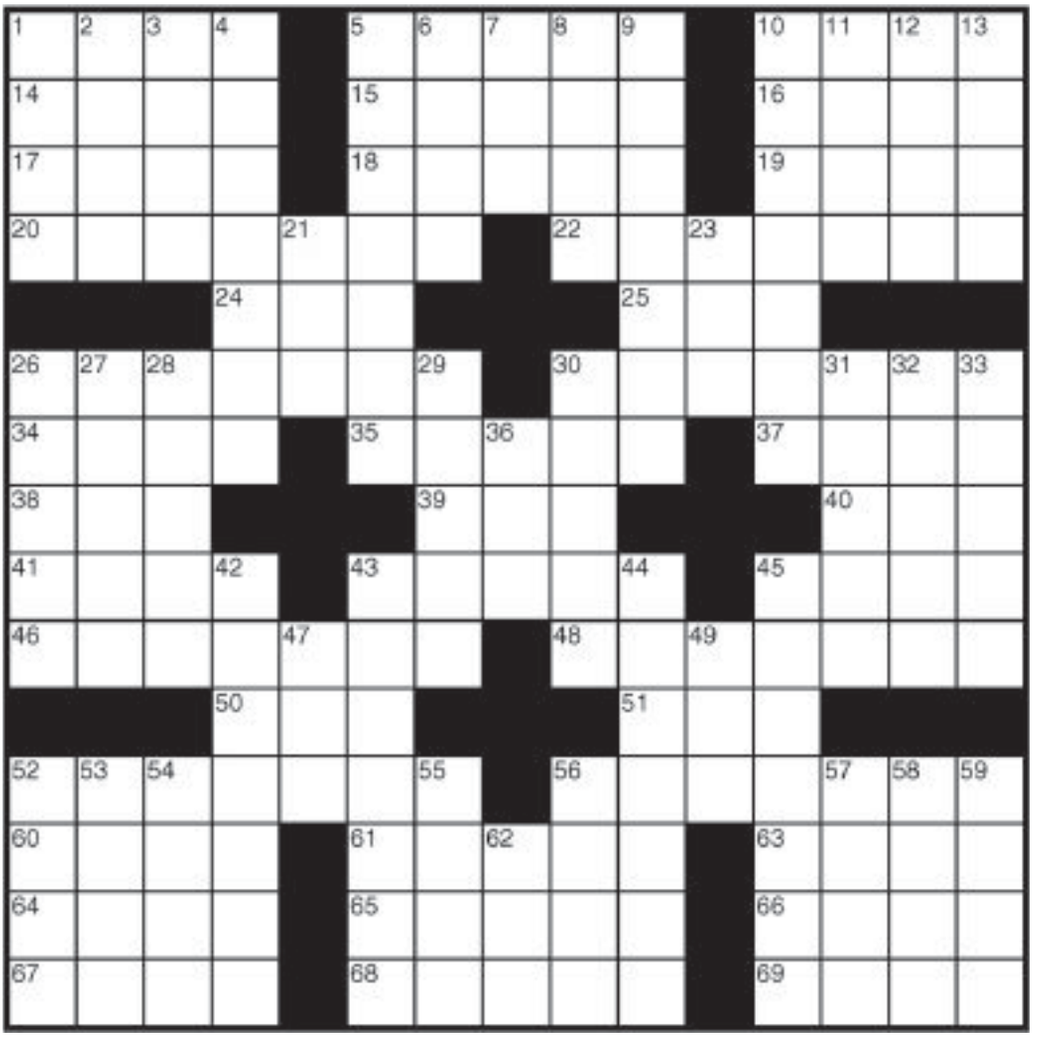

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Aries Don't stop short of your goals. Unfinished business will leave you feeling anxious and unable to enjoy the festive season.

Taurus There is a lesson you can learn and information you can apply that will help you take advantage of similar circumstances.

Gemini You'll end up being a scapegoat if you aren't careful. Don't claim to be able to do something you can't. Be upfront about your feelings.

Cancer Enjoy life, and put friends and family first. Do a little shopping and engage in talks that lead you down memory lane.

Leo Discipline and hard work along with compassion and generosity will put you in a prime position. Network with colleagues.

Virgo An interesting talk with someone from a different background will spark your imagination and spur curiosity about a joint venture.

Libra A last-minute change of plans can be expected. Don't let others' actions ruin your plans. Attend an event or activity even if you have to go alone.

Scorpio It's a good time to make personal changes that will update your appearance and give your morale a boost. Romance is in the stars.

Sagittarius Exaggeration will make you look bad. Stick to facts and be open about your motives. No one can fault you for being honest.

Capricorn Prepare to head into the upcoming year ready to take on whatever comes your way. Preparation and clear vision will be your saving graces.

Aquarius Your involvement in the hustle and bustle that take place this time of year will encourage you to take on more responsibility.

Pisces Don't make promises you cannot keep. Steer clear of indulgent people or deals that are too good to be true. EUGENIA LAST

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easy

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			2	1		3	6	
	9		4				8	5
		1				6	4	7
			6				2	

hard

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			4	6				5
		4				1		
6				8	5			
		5	7		9		4	2
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		9		1		5		

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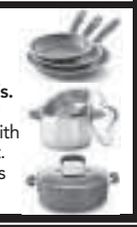

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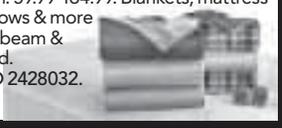

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